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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Communication mailed August 20, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the original Sequence Listing at pages 28-38.

Page 45 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on a new page, please insert the attached substitute Sequence Listing.

## REMARKS

Claims 1 - 34 are pending in the present application.

Applicants have now submitted a substitute Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. The sequence information recorded in the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy of the

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